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Ex parte BRENT KEETH and LAYNE G. BUNKER

Application No. 09/885,217

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on February 14, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

An artifact sheet (dated 08-22-2001) is indexed in the electronic file for this application. The artifact is needed by the BPAI in the rendering of its decision on the appeal. An e-mail was sent on March 1, 2005 to the Paper Match section of Technology Center 2800 requesting that the artifact be forwarded to the BPAI. Although more than a week has passed we still have not received the artifact at the time of the mailing of this Order. Consequently, we are returning the application to the examiner until such time as the artifact has been sent and received at the BPAI.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being returned to the Examiner to have the artifact indexed in association with the file sent to the BPAI and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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